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Permanent Public Interest Funding in Doubt

By Helen Melia and Joe Wallace
RG Staff Writers

Dean Lee Bollinger recently notified members of the Public Interest Group that permanent funding for the Public Interest Office will be left to the discretion of his successor. Bollinger had indicated in February that the administration would fund the office permanently, rather than provisionally.

Many students worry that this decision will jeopardize the work of the Public Interest Office. "It is important that Dean Bollinger make a commitment now so that the public interest staff can prepare for the fall," said Audrey Richardson, 2L, a member of the Public Interest Group. "Leaving funding to the new Dean's discretion would jeopardize the state of the office and may leave the office with less funding and staff than this year."

Bollinger justified his decision to table permanent funding as "one of respect" toward the new Dean and he also wants to grant the new Dean as much leeway with the law school budget as possible.

"The Public Interest Office has

helped a lot of students," Bollinger said. "Yet it is important for an outgoing Dean not to lock-up the new Dean's options."

The Law School established the Public Interest Office last fall when it hired Lisa D'Aunno as director on an interim basis. The Law School committed one and a half personnel positions for the Public Interest Office for this year, as well as an operating budget. The school established the office as a pilot program, with the decision on permanent status to be made later.

Student response to the Public Interest Office has been positive. "A lot of 1Ls especially are excited about the experience that is achieved from these [public sector] positions. Since the fall, the Public Interest Office personnel have had tremendous results," said Sean Hecht, 2L, a member of the Public Interest Group. One indication of this effectiveness is the increase in Student Funded Fellowship (SFF) applications this year — 132, up from 86 last year.

Law students had lobbied for increased placement services/resources for those seeking positions in

the public interest/government sector. Traditionally, the Placement Office has focused on securing positions in large corporate firms. While some resources existed for those seeking public interest and government jobs, students found them unsatisfactory. "The state of Room 217 [now the Public Interest Office] was merely a bunch of out-of-date, overfilled loose-leaf notebooks before this year," said Hecht.

Student response to the Dean's decision to place the Public Interest Office on temporary status has been swift, varied, and vocal. "Students are talking to faculty members about the importance of the office," said Audrey Richardson. "Contact has also been made with alumni and there is an LSSS petition showing student support."

"There is more student support than I realized," remarked Dean Bollinger. Bollinger said that getting students interested in public interest positions has been a major concern of his. "Two years ago there was very little interest in public

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First-year Student Arrested in Dean's Office for Protest

By Joe Wallace
RG Staff Writer

A first-year law student was arrested in Dean Lee Bollinger's office March 24th for refusing to leave the Dean's office until the Dean would speak with him concerning the status of the Law School's public interest programs.

Hugh Brooks, 1L, heard from a fellow student that Dean Bollinger had changed his decision to make the Public Interest Office permanent. So on his way to class, he stopped by Dean Bollinger's office. His purpose was two-fold: "Since my information came from a second-hand, albeit reliable source, I wanted to know directly from the dean what his decision entailed. Regardless of whether the information I had was true, I wanted to express to him the fundamental importance of public interest programs to my legal education experience."

The versions of exactly what went on in the reception area of Dean Bollinger's office differ. What is clear is that Brooks demanded to talk with Bollinger, who refused to see him at that time. Brooks refused to leave the reception area until the dean would speak with him.

Beyond that, Bollinger and Brooks do not agree on the circumstances surrounding Brooks' arrest.

In the March 25 edition issue of The Michigan Daily, Bollinger described Brooks behavior as bullying. "He was fairly offensive in his language," Bollinger said he was more than willing to meet with him at another time, but he was real busy. Bollinger said he returned to his office, but Brooks began pounding on his closed door.

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BLSA to Hold Symposium on Civil Rights

By Julie Beck
RG News Writer

The Michigan chapter of the Black Law Students Alliance (BLSA) will present its 6th annual symposium Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at the Law School. The forum is entitled "Civil Rights in the 1990's: Where Are We Now—Where Should We Go." The symposium will be followed by the annual Butch Carpenter Scholarship Banquet later Saturday evening.

Symposium Chairperson Chris Ware, 3L, explained the symposium's focus on civil rights. "Many people complain that there's not enough focus on the civil rights movement at this time. Many are unsure of what direction to take. Hopefully, the panels, consisting of people currently involved in the civil rights movement, will give us an idea of what its goals should be," said Ware.

The symposium will evaluate the

current status of civil rights and the possible routes to take for the future. The topics will range from the theoretical, "Is Civil Rights the Proper Focus for Today's African-American?" and "Efficacy of the Voting Rights Act", to the practical, "Strategies to Assist Our Urban Communities."

Ware and Co-Chairperson Roslyn Sullivan, 2L, garnered practitioners, professors and policy-makers to participate in the various panels and discussions. "We have a lot of excellent panelists from diverse backgrounds who will give us viewpoints of the legal system that we cannot experience in a law school setting," said Ware.

Most notably, Professor Ted Shaw will return to the Law School to participate in two panels. On a two-year leave from teaching, Shaw currently serves as associate director-counsel for the NAACP Legal De-

fense and Educational Fund, Inc. in New York.

Other practitioners will present their views on strategies for urban communities. "In particular, we have three people on this panel

strict courts for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and Esmerelda Simmons, New York City Board of Education member, will join the director of social and cultural studies at the Indiana Family Institute, Jac-

Topics of discussion include civil rights strategies for the 1990's, voting rights law and assistance to urban communities.

who have taken a hands-on approach to dealing with issues which affect urban America. So it should be very interesting to hear some of their innovative ideas," Ware explained.

Local notable Sharon McPhail, division chief of screening and dis-

queline Joyner Cissell, on this panel.

The panels also feature academics Pamela Karlan, a professor at the University of Virginia Law School and Carol Swain of Princeton University who will join Shaw and Alan Keyes, a prominent writer and public

speaker, to discuss voting rights.

Voting rights has reemerged as a national political issue due to several factors. First, after the most recent Congressional elections, there are more African-Americans serving in the United States Congress since Reconstruction. This increase is due, in large part, to the type of redistricting schemes that have been implemented under the Voting Rights Act.

Second, after the Lani Guinier incident last year, lawyers, academics and politicians have increased the commentary and debate concerning innovative measures to ensure voting rights.

Third, a controversial Supreme Court decision, *Shaw v. Reno* (1993), again threw voting rights into the limelight as the Court allowed a challenge by white voters to a North Carolina redistricting scheme to pro-

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Letter to the Editor:

Student Groups Condemn Poster Vandals

To the RG:

Billboards encased in glass. If you have visited the basement of the Law Library you've noticed that two groups' billboards are encased in glass — the Black Law Students' Alliance (BLSA) and the Queer Law Students' Alliance (QLSA). It's not because the law school community truly treasures the contributions that these groups make to legal discourse nor is it because the Law School wants to honor the presence of these groups in an institution that is mostly male, straight and very white. It is because they, the boards and the people, are often the subject of both defamation and abuse. Gutless, ignorant people have felt the need to rip down the posters and write derogatory statements on the boards. The Gutless Wonder has struck again...

During the celebration of Women's History Month, several posters were displayed that honored the accomplishments of African American women. Within hours these displays were ripped from the walls.

In anticipation of the Black Law Students' Alliance scholarship banquet, posters were displayed to publicize the keynote address by U.S. Representative Maxine Waters (D-Cal.). Within hours one of these posters was defiled with racial slurs.

In celebration of Women's History Month, a poem was posted in the Law School which said, in part, "Lesbians are

love." Within hours someone had crossed out "love" and written "sick." The remainder of the poem as largely defiled or torn down before the end of the day.

We wish that these events were isolated. We wish that they were restricted in time. But they are not. The Gutless Wonder is not one person but a part of society that is accepted and often supported. Neither these events nor the sentiments expressed through them are bound by time. Racial, sexual and cultural violence has plagued our society since its inception.

The fact that this behavior occurs anywhere at all is disheartening. The reality that these events took place at the University of Michigan Law School is especially troubling. The undergraduate community is portrayed as liberal and progressive and the Law School boasts that it only attracts the brightest students in the nation. Both claim to produce future leaders of tomorrow — capable of respecting a broad spectrum of ideas and endowed with the ability to engage in rational discourse. However, the actions of the Gutless Wonder reflect a cowardice and ignorance that betray the true character of the actor and the realities of not only the University populace but also the status quo of American culture.

Minority students groups, such as BLSA and QLSA, were created to provide a support network for students who have traditionally been silenced by the straight, white, male power

structure of the Law School. Obviously, some that hold this power are so threatened by our posters that they feel the need to destroy them in an attempt to silence us further. However, their cowardly acts will not succeed. We will not be silenced in the face of racism, sexism, and heterosexism. We will not accept the implicit message that we have no place in this bastion of heterosexual, male whiteness!

What we *will* do is stand by one another as we overcome the ignorance and intolerance that permeates the Law School, University and popular American culture. We welcome the support of those who share our commitment to the appreciation of our differences and are eager to be educated about our achievements as well as our struggles.

We know not whether you are a member of the Law School or the general University community. We care not whether you choose to share our love for our cultures or to acknowledge our message. However, we demand that you respect our right to express this love and to raise our voices in celebration.

— Bentina Chisolm, BLSA

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LSSS Urges Continued Public Interest Funding

Editor's Note: This Letter was originally directed to Dean Lee Bollinger.

A substantial majority of the student body at the University of Michigan Law School believes that the Public Interest Office is an integral part of the Law School's commitment to promoting public service.

Having obtained 469 signatures last week, we urge the administration to continue funding for the Public Interest Office during the 1994-95 academic year. We believe that the events that have transpired over the past week regarding the Public Interest Office give rise to two concerns: this school's commitment to public interest placement and student services; and this school's need for more open communication between the administration and the student body.

The decision not to grant permanent funding status to the Public Interest Office evidences the University of Michigan Law School's questionable commitment to public interest law. Public interest groups, especially grassroots organizations, do not have the resources to maintain regular contact with law school placement offices. Public sector jobs are in high demand and in limited supply. Thus, finding summer and career opportunities in public interest requires greater effort than the firm job search. For these reasons, the Law School needs to devote more resources to the Public Interest and Government Placement Office.

Concerns about the Public Interest Office are a subset of student concerns with placement and student services at the Law School. The tuition at the University of Michigan Law School for out-of-state students is among the highest in the country for private or public law schools. While the quality of education is an important factor in choosing among law schools, many students attend graduate programs, law school in particular, to further their career aspirations. Put simply, students expect to have jobs upon graduation. There is widespread discontent with the antiquated practices of the general placement office, particularly with respect to the public interest sector. The Public Interest Office plays an essential role in encouraging Michigan Law students to enter public interest law. Understandably, its funding is essential.

Finally, the incident involving Hugh Brooks, 1L, demon-

Hugh's concern was fueled by the fact that students were not consulted before the decisions to table funding for the Public Interest Office was made.

We recognize the need to give the new Dean flexibility in funding programs during his/her administration. We believe, however, that uncertainty about funding for the 1994-95 academic year will have an adverse impact on student morale and the planning of public interest initiatives for the following year. The Law School's commitment to public interest should be a permanent part of this institution. We believe that the funding for the public interest office would not be a great burden on the new Dean's autonomy, especially given the benefits which the student body would receive as a result of such a decision.

In light of the strong student support for public interest law and the services offered by the Public Interest Office, we respectfully request that the funding for the Public Interest Office be made permanent.

—The Law School Student Senate

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An Open Letter to the Class of 1994

Over the last three years, there have been things which happened at this law school that nobody in the student body has particularly liked. For one reason or another, however, these things have gone by unquestioned, and we bear part of the responsibility for our own displeasure because of our silence. Fine. Live and learn. Now, after three years, a hundred thousand dollars, numerous broken relationships, and an ulcer or two, we finally approach our graduation. A time to reflect on our accomplishments. A time to say "we made it."

With this in mind, we picked up the schedule for Senior Day, and could not for the life of us understand why no third-year student was going to be allowed to speak. Knowing this must be an error of some sort, Dean Eklund and Dean Bollinger were sent letters inquiring as to the possibility of rectifying this mistake. After being informed, politely, that memos were sent between their respective offices on the issue, we were in-

formed, politely, that no one else had even bothered to raise this issue with the Administration, and that the Administration was not inclined to allow a 3L to speak.

Why, we thought has no one else raised this issue? Is it because nobody else cares about this? Doubtful. More likely, few others have bothered to check over the Senior Day schedule closely enough to realize what is going on. Indeed, we would think that it would be natural for most people to assume that at least one person from the class that happens to be graduating would be permitted to speak.

Roopal Shah, 2L, President of the Student Senate, is scheduled to speak as a privilege and right of her position. Do we want to take this away from her? Absolutely not. Roopal, in the three years that we've been here, has been one of the coolest people we have met, in addition to being a highly effective student leader. We like her. But we want her to have some company on

the list of those who will speak at our graduation. We do not care who speaks, or how that person is chosen. A representative of the class of '94 ought to speak on behalf of the class.

Why not let those in charge of our last day in Law School know exactly how we feel in this matter? Let's do it peacefully, and with dignity. Simply fill out the form below, tear it out (carefully), and put it in either of our pendafiles by Friday, April 8, at 12 noon. We will deliver these forms to Dean Bollinger's office that afternoon.

Please, fellow 3Ls, stand up for your rights! If you care about this, please respond accordingly. If we do not receive a lot of responses, we will assume that people are not as concerned about this as we are, and we will drop the matter entirely. But as far as we are concerned, there should be . . .

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interest careers. I am pleasantly surprised with the amount of student interest in the office." Bollinger said the public interest office has "done wonderful things for the school" and definitely views the office as a success. "During my Deanship I have worked very hard for this and I hope that the public interest office will in some form continue."

Bollinger said that his current decision against permanent funding is not binding. He emphasized that he is "open to talking about the public interest office," and that in his estimation the topic was still an "open question." "Everyday I am getting new information, he said. "I am finding more support for the public interest office than I expected."

Bollinger emphasized that the Public Interest Office will continue operating as usual. He only declined to commit to hiring a permanent staff, he said. Associate Dean Sue Eklund indicated that the office would continue its activities through August, which include planning for the fall. The new Dean's decision would affect how these plans would be executed.

The University will likely select a new Dean within the next few weeks, and his term will begin July 1.

But Hecht said "the fall is too late for a decision to be made." During this summer when the new Dean arrives "there will be no student presence and the dean won't be able to measure student interest," he said.

Although the Dean will not officially take over until July, Bollinger said students will have an opportunity to speak to the new Dean regarding the importance of public interest funding. Also, Bollinger himself will be able to approach the new Dean about the subject.

Students will meet with Dean Bollinger tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in the Lawyers Club Lounge to lobby for permanent funding of the Public Interest Office.

Hecht and Richardson described the focus of the meeting as two-fold: "First, we want to let him know how important the office is and what it has accomplished this year. Second, we want him to stick with his original decision to permanently fund the office."

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"I was annoyed," the Dean said, and in my view there was a real risk that this could get out of hand rather quickly."

Brooks claims he didn't refuse to leave. "I conditioned my exit upon the dean's willingness to hear me out." Brooks describes his behavior as entirely passive. "The most caustic remark I recall making is 'This is ridiculous,' and I readily admit that I made this statement in a raised voice." Brooks said he did not pound on the dean's door. He knocked twice. Then he told the Dean's assistant that he would leave only after Bollinger gave him the chance to speak with him. He then sat down calmly in the reception area.

After sitting in silence for about fifteen minutes, two campus security officers arrived. Bollinger explained the situation to the officers. Then the officers told Brooks "they would have to arrest me if I didn't leave. I answered that I was there to speak with the Dean and that I would be happy to leave after talking with him." Apparently the officers spoke with Dean Bollinger in his office several times during the confrontation, but Brooks does not know what was discussed. The officers gave Brooks the opportunity to voluntarily leave. They threatened to arrest him. Brooks told them that was fine, but they would have to carry him out. The officers told him he was under arrest.

"When they reached down to pick me up from the chair, I completely relaxed my arm and leg muscles. They moved me to the floor of the Dean's office reception area, leaving me face down. They placed my hands behind my back and handcuffed me."

The Dean emerged from his office and asked the officers to remove the handcuffs. They declined because Brooks was already under arrest. The officers subsequently removed his wallet from his pocket to check his identification. The officers asked Brooks to walk with them out of the building. Brooks refused. "They carried me to the elevator, and placed me inside on the floor. When the elevator arrived on the first floor, they again

asked me to walk, and I again refused. They picked me up and carried me out of the building." Brooks was taken to the Department of Public Safety station and charged with trespassing.

While at the DPS station, the officers offered Brooks advice on a range of issues, including how to work for political change in the

ion, and he didn't know who I was." But Brooks said he got Bollinger to reconsider his decision to have Brooks arrested once the police arrived, "given that I was clearly passive and intent on only sitting in the reception area until the Dean was willing to speak with me."

After the Thursday meeting, Bollin-

'When they reached down to pick me up from the chair, I completely relaxed my arm and leg muscles. They moved me to the floor of the Dean's office reception area, leaving me face down. They placed my hands behind my back and handcuffed me.'

—Hugh Brooks, 1L, describing his arrest in Dean Bollinger's office.

university environment and how to more effectively gain access to an administrator. "I recall them saying that administrators have appointment books."

Brooks and Bollinger met for over an hour last Thursday, where Bollinger pledged not to press charges and promised that the Law School would take no disciplinary action against Brooks, but refused to issue a public apology for requesting Brooks' arrest.

Bollinger arranged the meeting after Brooks said he approached Bollinger's assistant on Tuesday and told her he wanted to meet with the Dean in "a non-confrontational way." Bollinger, who was out of town at the time, called Brooks Thursday to make an appointment.

At the meeting, Brooks and Bollinger discussed the status of the public interest programs, in which Brooks said the Dean recognized student concern over public interest funding and said he would entertain the possibility of further funding. Brooks said the Dean explained to him the pressures and constraints in funding the Public Interest Office.

Brooks and Bollinger also discussed Brooks' arrest. Brooks said he told Bollinger that he "could see how he wanted to call the police because I was acting in anomalous fash-

ger described Brooks as a concerned student. "I realize now his intentions are good and that he really cares about the office. At the time, I thought it would have gotten out of control. Now I know it wouldn't have."

Brooks said he now thinks the Dean is "somebody who does listen and does take legitimate concerns into consideration."

"[He] is now acutely aware of massive student support for the Public Interest Office and he also has the power to fund it. The choice for him is clear at this point: the right decision is to fund the office."

Brooks emphasized the importance of public interest law. "My decision to go to law school was predicated entirely upon my desire to pursue a career in public interest law." While he was aware that the legal education system does not devote significant resources to career placement and training for public interest-oriented students, he said he was impressed with Michigan's efforts in this area.

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ceed on the merits.

BLSA decided that the issue warranted detailed discussion at the symposium. "Electing leaders who represent a community's viewpoint is the major tool for gaining power in this country. The battle over how to interpret the Voting Rights Act will largely determine how we elect leaders. For this reason, it is one of the most important civil rights issues facing us," said Ware.

The policy-makers who will participate include politicians Maxine Waters, United States Representative from California, who will be the keynote speaker for the banquet, and Harold Ford, United States Representative from Tennessee, who will participate on the voting rights panel.

6th Annual BLSA Symposium: "Civil Rights in the 1990's: Where Are We Now - Where Should We Go?"

<u>April 8</u>	8:00 p.m.	Reception, Michigan Union
<u>April 9</u>	9-10:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast, Lawyer's Club Lounge
	10-11:30 a.m.	Panel I: "Strategies to Assist Our Urban Communities," Room 100
	11:30-1:00 p.m.	Panel II: "Is Civil Rights the Proper Focus for Today's African-American?," Room 100
	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Lunch, Law School Faculty Dining Room
	2:30-5:00 p.m.	Panel III: "Efficacy of the Voting Rights Act," Room 100
	6:30 p.m.	Butch Carpenter Scholarship Banquet, Sheraton Inn, Ann Arbor

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U.S. Rep. Harold Ford
Professor Ted Shaw
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Soundgarden, NIN: Knights in Black Satin

By Jeff Macy
RG Music Critic

Hey, kids! Sick and tired of trying futilely to hack your way through some gnarled bit of intellectual reasoning written in the early middle ages by some half senile appellate judge? Want a social option other than chugging out to Scorekeeper's to root (uselessly) for [insert the name of your undergraduate college's basketball team here]? Do yourself a favor; check out the local music scene here in beautiful Tree Town. On any given night of the week, underappreciated and painfully talented bands are laying their guts on the line in bars and coffeehouses across Ann Arbor and the metro Detroit area, begging for nothing more than a few bucks and some appreciative applause. So if you are really bored one night, why not give one of 'em a try? You might surprise yourself.

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Superunknown — Soundgarden

I had this annoying habit, for about two years after the release of Soundgarden's last album *Badmotorfinger*, of running up to everyone I saw and screaming in their faces,

"Soundgarden will save your soul!!! Buy eight copies of this album now!!!" My friends, knowing how excitable I get when I'm not taking my medication, would smile serenely, pat me on the head and mumble, "Yeah yeah sure, now would you please stop drooling on my shoes?" Well, the long wait for the new Soundgarden album is over, and I can enjoy my sweet revenge. *Superunknown* will do for Soundgarden what the album *Metallica* did for that band; bring the sound to a larger audience, and make the band as huge as it's always deserved to be.

Any listener familiar with Soundgarden's earlier work will immediately notice the metamorphosis that the band has undergone with the new album. *Badmotorfinger* was a masterpiece of splattering creativity, with all four members of Soundgarden crashing their instruments together with the wild glee and abandon of a train wreck, and Chris Cornell's fabled primal howl presiding over the carnage like a master cracking his whip over the heads of the doomed. By contrast, *Superunknown* is tighter, more unified, and more focused. Whereas the songs on the last three Soundgarden albums were written by all members of the band, this time around it's practically "The Chris Cornell

Show." There are only two of fifteen tracks on the album that Cornell didn't have a substantial hand in writing, and he wrote nearly half of them all by himself.

Cornell, not exactly known as a poster boy for the "Up With People" movement, thus turns *Superunknown* into a veritable gloomfest. The songs are uniformly concerned with the blackest of moods, as can be seen by their titles: "Let Me Drown," "Fell On Black Days," "The Day I Tried to Live," "Like Suicide." What separates Cornell and his bandmates from the usual pack of cranky merchants of doom is their musical savvy and the astonishing literacy, wit, and empathy of Cornell's lyrics. As early as Soundgarden's first LP, *Ultramega OK*, Cornell showed that he had a way with a metaphor, and *Superunknown* finds him using his lyrical gift to provide the listener with a convincing peek into the damaged psyches of the freaks and miscreants he writes about.

These are not pleasant songs about pleasant people, but they are chillingly intriguing to listen to. "Mailman," about (what else?) a psychotic stalker, is nothing special instrumentally; a standard collection of serviceable but uninspiring riffs. What makes the song so amazing is Cornell's vocal performance. Foregoing his usual high-pitched wail for an evenhanded tenor, Cornell sings in an eerily detached manner, convincing you that the persona who mouths such lines as "Hello you don't know me/I'm the dirt beneath your feet" is as sane as you or me. Then, just when he's got you sucked in, he allows the veneer to crack just a little bit on the chorus, "I know I'm headed for the bottom/But I'm riding you all the way." As Cornell's voice shifts into high gear for just a second on the word "way," you can practically see the dangerously insane glint in his eyes. But then it is practically smothered, gone without a trace, as the sociopath once again takes control and the voice returns to its cold, menacingly sinister gentleness. And that's not even the best song on the album.

"Black Hole Sun" is the best song on the album, and it's probably the riskiest song Soundgarden have recorded to date. It juxtaposes the imagery of a dead sky with a beautiful psychedelic melody. Lead guitarist Kim Thayil outdoes himself on this track; his guitar lines, which normally have a tendency to smack you square in the forehead, swirl and simmer with a fluid life of their own. Again, Cornell turns in a bravura vocal performance, singing his heart out on the chorus and almost sounding as if he's enjoying himself for a moment.

On the other end of the spectrum, there are more conventional Soundgarden rockers like the title track and the first single, "Spoonman." The latter song's staccato beat and dueling drum-and-spoons solo just goes to prove that even when Cornell writes a "typical" Soundgarden song, the band still manages to sound like no one else. And the Middle-Eastern sounding guitars in "Superunknown" show that Soundgarden have matured musically as a unit; Thayil would never have been able to pull off such a complex riff back in the early days.

These are just some examples of the many ways Soundgarden have tried to with great success to vary their songwriting approach of *Superunknown*. From the thudding nuclear Armageddon dirge "4th of July" to the resentful snarl of "Let Me Drown" to the pure gaseous weirdness of the nightmarish "Half," Soundgarden take a single mood — depression — and rework it into infinitely fascinating variations on a theme. Soundgarden will save your soul. Buy eight copies of this album now.

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The Downward Spiral — Nine Inch Nails

There is some sort of divine irony in the fact that head Nail Trent Reznor grew up in western Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh. After all, Pittsburgh is a city built on a foundation of steel and factories, a living monument to the power of the machine. And in Reznor's case, the machines have taken over his life.

Don't expect that danceable hits of NIN's breakthrough

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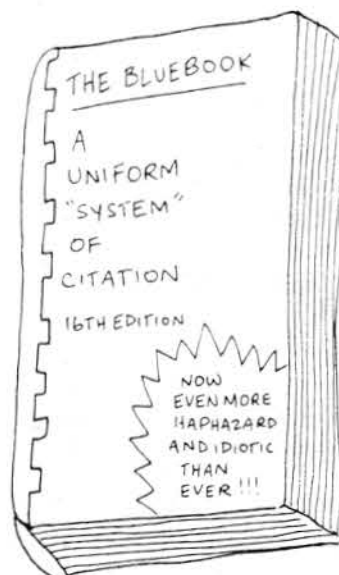
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NEXT ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING: The dates for the last two Academic Standards Committee meetings for the 1994 winter term are April 8 and May 6. Requests for waivers to the Academic Regulations are decided by the Academic Standards Committee. Any student making such a request should submit a written petition to Dean Gordan's office (303 HH) at least four days prior to the date of the Committee meeting. The petition must identify the academic regulation(s) for which the student is requesting a waiver, the specific nature of the request, and the reasons for the request.

SCHEDULING SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS: According to the Academic Regulations in the Student Handbook, students are eligible to take a final exam other than at the scheduled time. Examination schedules can be found in the racks on the 3rd floor of Hutchins Hall. Assignment of location and late changes in the length of the exam will be posted on the main bulletin board on the first floor of Hutchins Hall. One of the following requirements for an exam time change will need to be met:

1. An illness or death in the family.
2. 2 exams scheduled at the same time.
3. 3 exams in consecutive exam periods.
4. 10 credit hours of exams in any 48-hour period (students should be advised that the Law School interprets the "48-hour period" as meaning two consecutive calendar days, e.g., 48 hours will run from 8 a.m. Monday to 5 p.m. Tuesday; not from 1 p.m. Monday to noon on Wednesday for example).

Students seeking exam changes for any of the above reasons should see Sherry Kozlouski, 301 Hutchins Hall, beginning **Monday, April 11**, but before classes end. Students should not speak to individual faculty members concerning examination rescheduling. Students who believe they merit an exam change for reasons of illness, emergency, or the like should speak with Dean Eklund or Dean Gordan before an exam begins.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION FOR SUMMER: Professor Avery Katz is seeking a research assistant for this summer to assist in two projects: editing a book of readings in law and economics, and gathering materials on aspects of strategic behavior in the law. A background in economics on the applicant's part is helpful, but not essential. It is possible that there will be an opportunity to continue working into the fall term. To apply, please submit a resume with a current phone number to Ms. Mary Richards, 906 Legal Research.

WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION: All law students and faculty are invited to a wine and cheese reception welcoming visiting Stanford Law Professor Mary Dunlap and guest lecturer and ACLU attorney William Rubenstein. The reception will be on Wednesday, April 6, in the Lawyer's Club Lounge from 4-5 p.m.

NEW NATIONAL LAW STUDENT GROUP: The American Center for Law and Justice is forming a Law Student Advocate Association. This student group will work with local attorneys on Pro-Life, Pro-Family and Pro-Religious Liberty issues. There will be an organizational meeting Tuesday, April 5, at 12:30 p.m. in Room S-106 (Sub-1 of the Library). There will be no time commitments this semester—the group will become active in the fall. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in being involved next year, please penda-flex Gina Valenzuela or call her at 741-9383.

LOST BRACELET: A bracelet was lost at Casino Night which is of great sentimental value to the owner. It is a silvery heart with gold-colored box-like chains coming off the sides of the heart. Anyone with information should call Christina at 761-9440.

PUBLIC INTEREST OFFICE EVENTS:

April 7 - 2L Fellowship Meeting. Lawyer's Club Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

April 21 - "Careers in Criminal Defender & Legal Aid Offices." Speaker: Richard Ginsberg. Room 236 HH, 12:30 p.m.

TUTORING HELP AVAILABLE: Law students are available to provide academic tutoring to first, second and third year law students. Tutoring is free of charge and is available to any student in the Law School who wishes to take advantage of this service. Tutoring is offered

on an individual basis or to small groups. If you and some friends wish to be tutored as a group, that is possible to arrange. You do not need to feel you are in academic trouble in order to avail yourself of the Law School's tutoring program. Tutoring can be short-term, long-term, devoted to a particular subject, focused on exam taking practice or anything you would find academically helpful. Interested students may seek such assistance by contacting Dean Gordan (303 Hutchins Hall; 764-5269).

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OPENING DOORS CONFERENCE: The State Bar of Michigan invites you to attend the Opening Doors Conference, which takes place on Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Inn in Novi. This inaugural event celebrates the key role that minorities and women play in the legal profession. The Conference offers three separate program tracks: Opportunities for Private and Corporate Practitioners and Strengthening the Bridge; Access to the Academy-Teaching Law as a Career; and Pathways-Finding a Job and Thriving-Practical Pointers for New Lawyers and Law Students. Registration deadline is April 8. See Anne Cunningham (303 HH) for more information.

COMPETITIONS: Information on this and other contests can be obtained from the Competitions File in Anne Cunningham's office, 303 HH.

Judge Edwin A. Robson Essay Competition. Sponsored by Loyola University School of Law. Topic is the antitrust impact of pending governmental or private sector proposals for national health care reform. Prize is \$10,000. Deadline is July 29, 1994.

EARLY REGISTRATION CALENDAR FOR SUMMER AND FALL 1994

April 4 SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION MATERIALS AVAILABLE
Monday Room 300 HH

****Seminar and Clinic Reservation Lists Will Be Posted****

April 8 SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Friday Room 300 HH

April 20 EARLY REGISTRATION RESULTS TO PENDAFLEXES
Wednesday

April 21-22 Students who were REDLINED and had no
Thurs-Fri alternative choice indicated can add
Room 300

April 27 Revised election sheets to be pendaflexed only to students with
Wednesday changes.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT EARLY REGISTRATION

1. How do I know if I got a place in a seminar, clinic or practice/simulation course?
-Lists of students who received places in these classes will be posted in Room 300 HH on Monday, April 4.

2. How do I register early for courses next summer and fall?
-You should come to Room 300 HH on Monday, April 4, and pick up an updated copy of the Summer and Fall 1994 schedules, fall course descriptions, fall exam schedule, and course election sheet. You will also find materials (on yellow paper) describing the registration process. After reviewing these materials, you should complete the course election sheet and return it to the Records Office, Room 300 HH, by Friday, April 8. Registration for the short course this summer, Commercial Transactions, will occur on the first day of class, Thursday, August 11, 1994.

3. If I receive a place in a seminar or clinic or practice/simulation course, do I need to list it on my election sheet?

-No. Students who have been selected for these courses have been automatically enrolled in the course. If you do not wish to accept the spot in one of these courses, you should complete a drop form and turn it in with your election sheet so that we may give the spot you do not want to another student. If you are on a waitlist but are no longer interested in the class, please let the Records Office know so that your name can be removed from the waitlist. This

The Wyoming Connection: A Job-Hunting Fiction

By David Barringer
RG Features Writer

At dawn, Tony trotted off into the woods. He had left his beeper behind, telling Armand to take care of his calls for the twelve hours he and his guest, meaning me, would be communing with nature. "Give me one hour," he had said, grabbing my wrist to check my watch. He kept his grip on my wrist until he put the pellet gun in my hand. "Talk to Armand. He'll give you advice." He slapped my shoulder. "But he's one of my boys, remember. So don't trust him!"

Originally, Tony had wanted to go bowhunting. "Many times I told Sharon—you know," he interrupted himself. "We should decide what you and I will call your mother." I told him Sharon was fine. "Sharon has an open invitation to come bowhunting with the Whackmaster," he continued, having borrowed Ted Nugent's hunting alter ego to refer to himself. "But she has never agreed to go. So it is fate now that you and I—"

"I'm not sure we have the time," I cut in. Hunting would mean I'd have to stay longer, and I didn't really feel comfortable staying another night in the ranch of a maverick lawyer whom my mother had gotten me an informal interview with. We were eating huevos rancheros, which I hated, and I had already seen his office and learned how he managed to work at his ranch while his firm was fifty miles away. Three days a week he commuted by helicopter. "I mean," I continued. "I don't want to impose, and you know, Armand said he'd fly me back this afternoon."

"No problem," he said. "You can stay as long as you like." He was poking around his eggs and black beans, and I couldn't tell if he was sincere.

This whole nepotism thing probably concerned him. He had been slyly testing me since I'd arrived yesterday, stopping in the middle of anecdotes to ask me what I'd do in this or that situation, hoping that I'd quietly embarrass myself. Then he resorted to disparaging the work I might have to do for him if I were hired, in the hopes I'd disqualify myself. I hadn't given him any explicit signals either way, and though I couldn't imagine working with this guy a whole summer, I kept up this sparring game with him out of some vague sense of obligation, either to my ego or to my mother's efforts to get me here. Tony didn't want to endanger his relationship with my mother, I could tell, so he had simply stopped testing me. Until this bowhunting

thing occurred to him.

His ambivalence had showed itself, however, and I felt obliged, as a guest, to comfort my host, and more importantly, to continue our competition.

"To tell the truth," I began, "I've been hunting before, and I don't like it all that much." I figured he might see this as a convenient excuse to reject me for the summer job, and I was right. His sympathetic frown couldn't cover up the twinkle in his eyes. "But on the ride over yesterday," I added, scooping up a pile of black beans, "Armand happened to mention something about pellet guns."

On Friday, Tony had Armand fly me in by helicopter to show off his ranch and the couple hundred acres he had conscientiously preserved out here somewhere in Wyoming. He had walked out to meet me when we landed. "Goddamn, it's great to meet you, son."

I remembered this chummy introduction as I tried to detect broken branches, footprints, trick signs or evidence of backtracking. Stepping softly and pretending I knew what I was doing, I began to stalk the man who was dating my mother.

After a half hour of this, I was ready to quit. But then I couldn't believe this was supposed to be a job interview with a senior partner, and I tried to convince myself to approach it good-naturedly. Then I got serious again, overcome with a desire to peg this psycho in the chest.

I crunched a branch under my foot and held my breath. I felt sick to my stomach, like I had when the helicopter had suddenly dipped during my ride in. Armand may have done it on purpose. I had been looking out beyond the toe of my shoe to where the fields and rolling hills spread out below us. Suspecting, in hindsight, that Armand may have tried to dump me, I stepped over the broken branch and climbed the nearest tree.

Perched in a strategic bough, I couldn't find Tony, but I did see a stream which Tony could have ran in to hide his tracks. I shifted to get a better view of it, and the pellet gun dropped out of my back pocket.

I shimmied down but couldn't find the gun. It occurred to me that Tony may have seen me in the tree, and this suspicion was confirmed by a pellet that zinged by my shoulder.

I dropped and rolled to the nearest tree. I couldn't see where Tony was shooting from. I waited a tense minute, envisioning how I'd congratulate my mother for never going bowhunting with this nut, and then I made a dash for the stream.

I knew that my mother had sincerely tried to help me. I jumped over a fallen tree. She was genuinely concerned with my welfare, and always had been. I ducked beneath a branch which a pellet had exploded against. That was the reason, and really the only reason, I had agreed to come here. I tripped over a rock, then stumbled back to my feet.

The stream was coming into view. I planned to jump.

When I was in the tree, I had noticed the steep banks, almost small cliffs, that bordered this side of the stream. Recognizing the lip of one of these cliffs, I sprinted toward it.

Then I jumped.

As I scanned the other side of the stream to pick out safe landing mud in between the ankle-sized rocks, I felt a stinging smack through the back of my jeans. I imagined Tony standing behind me, letting his gun arm fall to his side and smiling his Whackmaster grin. And the question I had as I hung suspended and humiliated in midair was this: Who was this guy to me that I had come all this way, for a job I didn't want, just to let him shoot me in the ass?

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megahit album *Pretty Hate Machine* here. Don't even expect the blasting guitar-fueled rage of last year's *Broken EP*. Trent has progressed beyond depression, beyond anger; he's now in the world of purely evil. *The Downward Spiral* is, bar none, the scariest, most chaotic album to come out of the Chicago "industrial" movement. What makes it so scary is Reznor's utter lack of restraint in its approach to songwriting; it takes repeated listens to the album to get beyond the layer upon layer of white noise and find the bleeding, shell-shocked remnants of songs hiding underneath.

Reznor dishes out track after track of sheer sonic punishment, constantly upping the ante on himself by twisting his instruments and synthesizers to cough out sounds heretofore unknown to man. As a result, it sounds like the machines themselves have souls, which are straining to escape the confines of songs like "Heresy" and "Eraser." Listen to the backwards processed guitar solo toward the end of "Ruiner," or the muffled synth-screams which constitute the "music" for "The Downward Spiral," and you'll think that Reznor derives sadistic glee from torturing his machines until they bleed some kind of silicon gore.

Where Reznor does himself in, however, are with his sophomoric and repetitive lyrics, which vary little from song to song and which, in straining to convey a sense of heinous suffering, achieve only a rather pathetic kind of self-parody. The penis-as-weapon imagery of the anti-rape "Big Man With A Gun" is about as subtle and overused as a baseball bat to the skull, and you can only listen to Reznor wail "I want to break it up/I want to smash it up/I want to fuck it up" (in "March of the Pigs") so many times before your start thinking "I want to turn it off." Reznor's constant psycho-without-a-cause pose becomes embarrassing, then exhausting, by the album's end. While you have to marvel at his never-ending ability to bring the noise, you can't help but feel that there isn't much of a message behind it.

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Ratings (out of five stars):

Superunknown: *****

The Downward Spiral: ***

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helps others move more quickly into any openings as they occur.

4. Why should I indicate alternative choices to my first-choice classes?

-Some classes are over-subscribed and we have to cut (redline) a number of students from these classes. Redlining is usually done in order of graduation. Thus, it is a good idea to indicate two alternative classes you would like to receive if you do not receive the course you indicate as your first choice. YOU should indicate specific alternatives for each course different from any of your other first choices; if you are redlined more than once and have not chosen two alternatives, we will not have an alternative course in which to place you. Also, sometimes alternative choices can become over-subscribed. So it is a good idea to list more than one. Students who do not list an alternative choice will not be placed in any course if they are redlined. These students will then be left to choose from classes that are left over after everyone has been pre-registered. It is, therefore, to your advantage to indicate alternative choices.

5. What if I am placed in an alternative choice which causes me to have a time conflict?

-We will have a special drop/add period on April 21-22 for those students who were redlined and not placed into an al-

ternative choice or for those students whose alternative choice caused a time conflict in their class schedule. Regular drop/add for all other students will not begin until the afternoon of the first day of fall classes.

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MAIL SERVICE TO DEAN EKLUND'S, DEAN GORDAN'S AND REGISTRAR'S OFFICES:

Reminder - you may use the RED PENDAFLEX at the back left corner of the first bank of upperclass pendaflexes in the basement for non-confidential mail.

DOCKET ANNOUNCEMENTS: Any organization or Law School department wishing to place an announcement in the DOCKET should word the announcement as it is to appear and deliver it to Anne Cunningham, 303 HH, by 4:30 p.m. Thursday for publication in the following Monday's DOCKET.

Princesses Without a Country

Casino Night and Other Sundry Matters

By Elizabeth Feeney and Natalie Cavadid

It's April, which at Michigan Law School means it's nearing cram time. This generally means law students begin to study as much as they can before the weather gets nice and all motivation gets thrown out the window. (No, 55 degrees is not nice, so for all of you who jump the gun and wear shorts every time the temperature hits 50 we suggest you relax.)

But the year hasn't ended yet, so sit back and enjoy Ann Arbor for the next month and a half. Try not to lose your mind as you slide deeper and deeper into outlining lunacy. Don't panic if you feel like you or the people around you become moody or emotionally unstable. Be assured that the insanity usually ends in one of two ways: when the time runs out or when one comes to the brilliant realization that he or she doesn't care what the Parol Evidence Rule is.

In the coming weeks you will inevitably be spending much time alone in your carrel, and the following question will probably cross your mind, why did I willingly choose to go here? We have compiled a list of reasons that students attend Michigan Law School:

1. Improve your social skills, and learn how to really relate to people.
2. You're kinda smart, couldn't find a job, and are not qualified to do anything else.
3. Michigan Football, Michigan Basketball.
4. Michigan's mild and balmy winters.
5. Those Princesses go here.
6. You wanted the privilege of living in somewhere called the Lawyer's Club.

7. Temporary insanity.
8. Because it is ranked higher than any other school you got into in the U.S. News and World Report.
9. Sweater vests and corduroy never go out of style among the faculty.
10. Frolic at Rick's with playful undergrads.
11. Fun and excitement of Ypsilanti just minutes away!
12. Casino Night

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Speaking of Casino Night, we think the drinking age law was enforced a bit too stringently by the Sheraton Hotel staff when they wouldn't let in Professor Livingston or Professor St. Antoine and his wife because they didn't have identification with them. If only they had asked us if they were of age. We could have vouched for Professor St. Antoine. Why just last week the Princesses took him out to celebrate his twenty-first birthday at Rick's. Poor Professors, they missed their chance to win... loads of worthless black, plastic chips! We've heard these chips are redeemable at Murray Griess and Erin Rodriguez's (2Ls) Friday night poker fests.

While we are on the subject of professors, the Princesses took interest in noting that in a recent national law publication Professor Catherine MacKinnon was named among who's "hot" in the legal community while Professor Yale Kamisar was among those who are not. We know that she merited this award only because she has more hair than he does, and received a 9.0 for artistic merit from the judges for the way she manages to swirl it around into that stylish yet low maintenance coif.

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And now here's a puzzle for all of you who aren't sufficiently intellectually stimulated in your classes. Try to decipher the following sentence written by Supreme Court Justice Brandeis in *Home Insurance Co. v. Dick*, 281 U.S. 397 (1930):

The argument is that while a provision requiring notice of loss within a fixed period, is substantive because it is a condition precedent to the existence of the cause of action, the provision for liability only in case suit is brought within the year is not substantive because it relates only to the remedy after accrual of the cause of action; that while the validity, interpretation and performance of the substantive provisions of a contract are determined by the law of the place where it is made and is to be performed, matters which relate only to the remedy are unquestionably governed by the lex fori; and that even if the Texas court erred in holding the statute applicable to this contract, the error is one of state law or of the interpretation of the contract, and is not reviewable here.

If you're perplexed, so are we. We suggest asking John Hacker (2L) to sentence diagram it, since he admitted to us that it was his absolute favorite activity in the seventh grade.

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Finally, we thought third years were supposed to be examples to the rest of us on how to have fun and live the life of leisure. We guess not. We are especially disappointed by Matt "Barrels of Fun" Block (3L). "I'm too tired." No Matt, you're too lame.

Ta Ta.

Law in the Raw

By Kong & Poellet

Actually It Tasted Like Chicken

A jury in Nassau County, New York, awarded \$425,000 to a 24-year-old bookkeeper who claimed she lost her hair from the shock of biting into a squirming beetle in her yogurt. The woman was watching television and eating raspberry yogurt when, according to her attorney, Abraham Fuchsberg, "she felt a piece of foreign matter in her mouth. She knew it was too hard to be a raspberry, and besides it was moving."

Once Bitten But Not Twice Shy

In September, 1993, police in Springfield, Massachusetts, accused wheelchair bound Anthony C. Garafolo of robbing a Northeast Savings Bank. Garafolo allegedly demanded money, received \$2,500, wheeled himself outside, and was picked up by a man driving a getaway van. Garafolo had robbed the same bank in 1990; he had also robbed a liquor store and been shot in the back and paralyzed. Note: he sued the liquor store for his injury, but settled out of court.

Wait 'Til We Get Our Hanes On You!

A man whose identity was not disclosed in news accounts was arrested in Kissimmee, Florida, and charged with misdemeanor lewdness after he tried to obtain the underwear of several police officers to add to his 400-item collection. Said a police detective, "This guy has a fetish for cops." Officers arrested him after they talked him into dropping by the station to chat. He was carrying samples of his collection along with videotapes of the TV show *Cops*.

Police in Chiba, Japan announced the arrest of three men for selling schoolgirls' used underpants in vending machines for about \$30 for a set of three. The men are accused of violating the antique dealings act, which regulates the sale of used goods.

Bet They'll Be Singing "Jailhouse Rock" Soon

Two men suspected of committing armed robberies, auto thefts, and a kidnapping in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee had their photographs distributed nationally by law-enforcement agencies and shown on the TV program *America's Most Wanted* after police in Clarksville, Arkansas, found the pictures at the scene of one of the crimes. The photos were snapshots the two had taken of themselves while visiting Elvis's Graceland mansion.

Just Stay Cool and Maybe They Won't Notice Anything

David Richardson, 19, was arrested in a Gadsden, Alabama, convenience store in August, 1993. He told police he had made no holdup demand and was only there to buy a few things. The police thought otherwise. They entered the store and found Richardson standing in the back, having just put a pair of panty hose over his face and socks over his hands and carrying a butcher knife in his pocket. At the first sign of the police, Richardson, still wearing the panty hose mask, grabbed an item off a shelf and acted as if he were shopping.

What's the scope of this insurer's duty to defend?

In January and February Oklahoma City police turned up several motorists who'd purchased automobile liability insurance coverage from a company offering "God's Insurance Policy." Salesmen had convinced the customers that the \$285 policy met the standards of Oklahoma's mandatory-insurance law, even though it contained mostly text from the Bible, stated that it was "issued by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost," and pointed out that since "fear" caused accidents the policy would protect its purchasers even better than commercial insurance.

Eighth Amendment Implications?

A trial began in January for former Air Force commando James Pou, 34, who was accused of escaping from military prison. Pou, a highly trained and decorated rescue fighter, had been serving time for desertion. At the trial he testified that he had been having suicidal thoughts and uncontrollable rages because of an ongoing feud with a sergeant at an Air Force duty station, and that the last straw in his decision to try to escape was prison officials removing a white teddy bear from his cell.

Sample MPRE Question: "Is a judge subject to discipline for the improper use of a vegetable?"

When California Superior Court Judge James L. Stevens Jr. called an employee into his chambers last June, he handed her a ten-inch zucchini and then told her: "You are no longer my court reporter." Mary Powers, 59, who had worked for Judge Stevens for 20 years, said the firing was a complete surprise — and that the zucchini was "half rotten," "sexually offensive" and "unmistakably a phallic symbol." She recently filed sexual harassment charges against the judge. In her complaint, Powers alleges: "Not even a blind person could be oblivious to the shape, size and condition of the zucchini, and the message it conveyed." But not every observer saw the squash that way. "What it looks like, if I may be blunt, is a zucchini," said one county employee. "I heard he's been bringing in vegetables for years."

Taken from *News of the Weird* by Chuck Shepherd and the *Student Lawyer*.